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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2009, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on November 11, 2009. Accompanying this response is a One-month Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time, setting a new time for response of December 11, 2009. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 8** of this paper.